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PRIME MINISTER

TARGETS IN THE NEW GP CONTRACT

You are seeing Kenneth Clarke and Malcolm Rifkind before Cabinet tomorrow to discuss the handling of targets for cervical cancer and childhood immunisations in the new GP contract. Ian Whitehead will also sit in. This follows the letter you had received from Dr Clive Froggatt.

You have already seen most of the papers, namely:

Flag A - the original note you saw from Ian Whitehead attaching the letter from Clive Froggatt;

Flag B - the letter from the Department of Health that came in last week attaching a suggested reply to Dr Froggatt rejecting his proposed changes to the contract. You commented that the draft would not do at all; and would confirm GPs' worst fears that the Government had decided that these tests must be done. I have minuted that reaction out to Messrs Clarke and Rifkind;

Flag C - the further note from Ian Whitehead which was with last week's papers, and which continues to urge a change in the contract.

But there is also one new paper at Flag D, namely a possible letter Mr. Clarke has it is mind to send round to all MPs.

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